

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 through 75 are currently pending in the application.

The Office has entered a restriction requirement, stating that the present application includes two patentably distinct inventions: Group I, as defined by Claims 1 – 2, 7 – 13, 43 – 44, and 69 – 70; and Group II, as defined by Claims 3 – 6, 14 – 42, 45 – 68, and 71 – 75.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims 39 – 42 and 45 – 49 of Group II, without traverse. The elected claims relate to FIGS. 1 and 55 – 62b.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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